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OPTICAL DISK, OPTICAL DISK  
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APPARATUS, METHOD FOR RECORDING,  
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DATA ON OPTICAL DISK, AND  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants request consideration of (X) the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or ( ) the additional information identified below in paragraph 4. A legible copy of each reference listed on the Form PTO-1449 is enclosed.

1. This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:
  - a. (X) within 3 months of the filing date of the above-identified application, or  
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☐ the Petition of paragraph 3 below is provided and \$130.00 fee therefor is enclosed.
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- ☐ that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Statement, or
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3. ☐ Petition under 37 CFR 1.97 for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is hereby made.
4. ☐ Consideration of the following additional information (including any co-pending or abandoned U.S. application, prior uses and/or sales, etc.) is requested:
5. ☒ For each non-English language reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449:
- ☐ reference is made to an English language translation or abstract submitted herewith, and/or

- ☐ reference is made to a foreign patent office search report (in the English language) submitted herewith, and/or
- ☐ reference is made to an English language translation of a foreign patent office search report submitted herewith, and/or
- ☐ reference is made to the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page(s) , and/or
- ☒ reference is made to the concise explanation set forth below:

The European publication corresponds to the PCT publication.

- 6. ☐ Applicant also offers the following comments for the Examiner's consideration:
- 7. ☐ Also enclosed is a copy of the European Search Report citing these references.

Respectfully submitted,

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By:



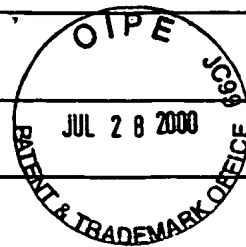
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